

HOLIDAY EVENTS

★ Lessons, carols

The Christmas story in lessons and carols is presented by the Chapel, **Dec. 14**, at the 10:30 a.m. Protestant service.

The story recounts the Christian narrative of the birth of Jesus Christ through songs and scripture readings.

★ Holiday party

A Children's Holiday Party, sponsored by the 377th Mission Support Squadron's booster club, is **tomorrow**, 1 p.m., in the Consolidated Support Center rooms 120 and 145.

The party is for Hearts Apart members and members and their families assigned to the 377th Comptroller Squadron, 377th Mission Support Group, 377th Air Base Wing staff, 377th Civil Engineer Division and the 377th Contracting Squadron.

The party includes pizza, children's games, a pinata and a visit by Santa and his elves.

Call the Family Support Center, 846-0741.

★ Santa visits

Round up your wish list and head to the BX **tomorrow, Sunday and Dec. 20-21**, 2-5 p.m., to visit with Santa Claus.

Photos of children with Santa are available by donation to the Boys Scouts.

★ Santa bingo

The Kirtland Officers' Spouses' Club hosts "Santa Bingo" **Dec. 16**, 11:30 a.m., in the Mountain View Club.

★ Advent service

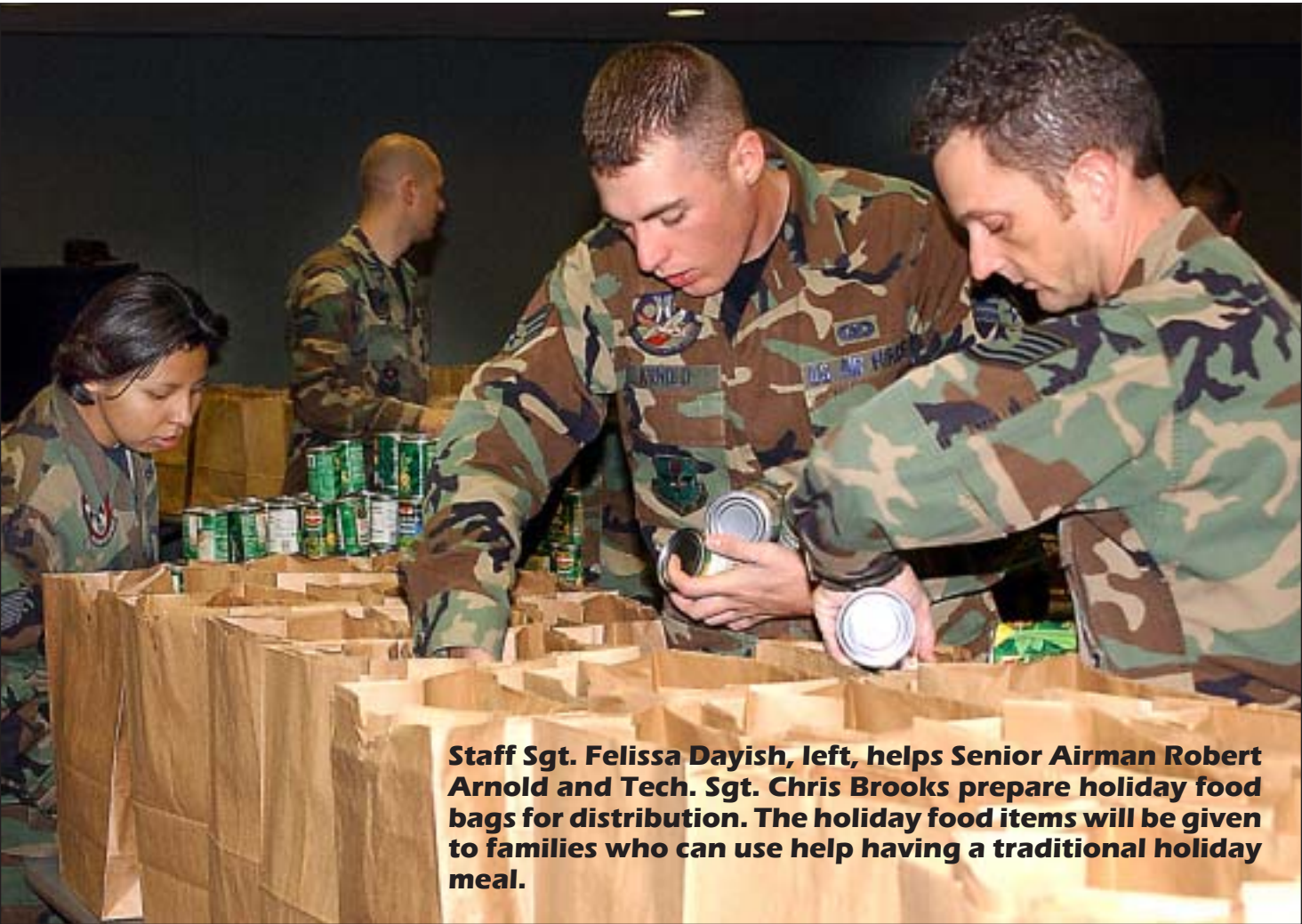
Advent Reconciliation Service is **Dec. 16**, 7 p.m. at the chapel. Four priests will be present to hear confessions.

★ Toy drive

The Kirtland AFB firefighters Operation Christmas Cheer toy drive will provide fun for children attending the holiday party with Santa, **Dec. 22**, at Fire Station 2.

New and gently used toy donations can be taken through **Dec. 16** to Fire Station 1 or to Fire Station 2.

Call Milton Miller, 846-5079 or 401-0375.



Staff Sgt. Felissa Dayish, left, helps Senior Airman Robert Arnold and Tech. Sgt. Chris Brooks prepare holiday food bags for distribution. The holiday food items will be given to families who can use help having a traditional holiday meal.

Photo by Dennis Carlson

Donations needed for holiday food drive

Donations are being accepted for the Kirtland AFB holiday food drive that helps TEAM KIRTLAND families enjoy Christmas holiday meals.

The drive continues through Dec. 16 for Christmas collections that are distributed Dec. 23.

Types of items needed are nonperishables like boxed mashed potatoes, canned pumpkin for pies, turkey dressing, packaged turkey gravy, cranberries and other traditional holiday foods. Supplies of fresh bread and frozen turkeys will be purchased from contribu-

tions already collected. The food program is not tied to servicemembers' rank and the families' anonymity is guarded. First sergeants only have access to names of people designated to receive the baskets. Contact unit first sergeants.



Photo by Todd Berenger

Wrapping for a cause

Dot Wire, left, and Cathy Hebert, both of the Kirtland Officers' Spouses' Club wrap a gift for Jack Allen. The gift wrapping is a fund-raiser for the club's scholarship program. Wrapping is offered during shopping hours through Christmas Eve in the hallway next to the pizza counter.

Christmas card winners announced

The oversized Christmas Cards that have been displayed at the Wyoming Gate were judged on Monday, with three winners.

First Command provided the prizes.

The winners:

★ First place, \$150
Air Force Operational Test and Evaluation Center

★ Second place, \$100
58th Special Operations Wing Top Three

★ Third place, \$50
377th Logistics Readiness Squadron,



Airmen's dinner slated for Dec. 17

Christmas dinner for Airmen of all ranks is served Dec. 17, 5:30 p.m., in the Rio Grande Community Center. The old fashioned holiday feast includes musical entertainment. Admission is free and no reservations are needed. Call your first sergeant or the chapel, 846-5691, for information.



Staff Sgt. Brian Flores, 58th Maintenance Squadron, reads a “wish list” tag for a TEAM KIRTLAND child on the Angel Tree in the BX. Photo by Todd Berenger

‘Angel Tree’ needs TEAM KIRTLAND angels to give

The Angel Tree at the BX is your easy way to make the holiday special for a TEAM KIRTLAND boy or girl to enjoy the Christmas season. The tree is sponsored by Army and Air Force Exchange Service and the first sergeants. Visit the BX, get a tag from the tree, attach the

tag to the purchased gift and take the gift to the BX administration office near the Electronics department. You don’t even need to wrap the gift. Last year, 95 children enjoyed Christmas through the generosity of TEAM KIRTLAND.

For information about the giving project, contact your unit first sergeant or project officers Master Sgts. Wayne Daniels at 853-7566 or Dave Little at 846-7704 or Senior Master Sgt. Melanie Fitzgibbons at 853-1711.



Open for business
Luchi Guevara, left, and Fran McNeill sort clothing for sale at the reopen Kirtland Officers’ Spouses’ Club Thrift Shop on Biggs Avenue. The shop is open Mondays and Wednesdays, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Extended sale hours are Thursdays, 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Proceeds benefit dependent scholarships and Air Force and Kirtland AFB charities.

Protect your pets from winter’s cold

When the temperature (and the snow) begins to fall, you’ll find that your pet needs a little extra care from you. Here are some points to remember this winter.

Cats and dogs need protection from wet and cold. Cats are best kept inside when it gets cold, as are most small and short-haired dogs. An outdoor dog needs an elevated dog house with clean, dry bedding and a flap over the opening to keep drafts out. Consider adding a dog door to the garage with a soft cushion in the warmest corner.

A bowl of frozen water can’t help a thirsty pet. Check outdoor water bowls often when it’s below freezing, and break the ice or refill with water.

Outdoor dogs need more calories in the winter to produce body heat, so increase the amount you feed your pet. On the other hand, indoor dogs and cats may get less exercise in the cold months, and will need fewer calories.

Chemicals used to melt snow on sidewalks can irritate pet’s paws, so you may need to wipe them with a wet cloth after an outing. Dogs outside in the snow may need the ice between their paw pads removed.

Antifreeze tastes good to pets, but it is a deadly poison. The most likely source of the poison is radiator drainage spots in your garage, which should be flushed with water immediately.

A cat may crawl up under your car seeking shelter and warmth near the engine. It may get caught in the fan and seriously injured when the engine starts. Open the hood of your car or slap it noisily with your hand before starting the engine on cold days to startle any animal sleeping there.

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